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SUBJECT: PROCEDURES TO ENSURE ADEQUATE INTEROPERABILITY OF
FUTURE EQUIPMENT

REFS: A. USNATO 6578; B. AC/297-D/23, DTG 10 JAN ,;
C. USNATO 0203; D. USNATO 0220

1. EXCEPT FOR MODIFICATIONS AND COMMENTS THAT FOLLOW, WE
CONCUR IN THE GENERAL APPROACH TO THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED
IN REFS, RECOGNIZING AS MISSION POINTS OUT THE PROCEDURES
DO NOT YET PROVIDE DEFINITIVE GUIDELINES. WE ASSUME THESE
CAN BE CODIFIED AS WE PROCEED INTO THE TRIAL PERIOD AND
MOVE TOWARD LINKING THESE PROCEDURES AND THE PROPOSED
PERIODIC ARMAMENTS PLANNING SYSTEM (PAPS) TO DEVELOP A
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MORE INTEGRATED AND EFFICIENT APPROACH TO ARMAMENTS
PLANNING REVIEW.

2. TO ENSURE POLICY OVERSIGHT AND REVIEW BY THE NAC, OR
ITS REPRESENTATIVE, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICA-
TIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED IN THE
ORIGINAL PROPOSAL IN ANNEX OF REF A:

A. AFTER STAGE 10, WE PROPOSE ADDING A NEW STEP: A JOINT

REVIEW OF THE CNAD REPORT DEVELOPED IN STAGE 10 BY NAC REPS (CURRENTLY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUIPMENT INTER-OPERABILITY (AHC)) AND THE NADREPS. THIS WOULD PERMIT AN ACTIVE POLICY REVIEW BY NAC REPS FOR POLICY CONSIDERATIONS AND TO IDENTIFY AND ASSIST WITH ANY POLITICAL PROBLEM AREAS.

B. STAGE 11: WE PROPOSE MODIFYING THE STAGE AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE THE COUNCIL WILL FORWARD THE CNAD REPORT TOGETHER WITH NAC DECISIONS, COMMENTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DPC FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION. END QUOTE.

3. OTHERWISE, WE WOULD ACCEPT THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED AS AN EXPLORATORY PILOT APPROACH. WHILE WE SEE REASONING BEHIND DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN THE NADREPS AND AHC PROPOSED REF A PARA 4, ON BALANCE WE BELIEVE IT COULD PROVE TOO UNWIELDY AND INEFFICIENT. WE PROPOSE INSTEAD THAT THE CNAD AND NADREPS MAINTAIN IMPLEMENTING RESPONSIBILITY BUT THE NAC OR ITS REPRESENTATIVE RETAIN ITS OVERSIGHT ROLE WITH A REVIEW FUNCTION BUILT INTO THE PROCEDURES AT APPROPRIATE INTERVALS AND STAGES. WE BELIEVE THE SUGGESTIONS IN PARA 2 ABOVE WOULD ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL.

4. REGARDING SELECTION OF EQUIPMENT ITEMS FOR THE PILOT TESTS (REF D, PARA 2C) WE AGREE THAT THE CHOICES
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SHOULD NOT BE SO DIFFICULT AS TO PRODUCE UNTYPICAL RESULTS. AT SAME TIME, IN ORDER TO TEST SYSTEM ADEQUACY, WE BELIEVE CHOICES SHOULD NOT BE TOO SIMPLE.

5. IN PARA 8, REF B, WHICH PRECEDES THE OUTLINE PROCEDURES, TO CLARIFY, THE WORD QTE PROCEDURES UNQTE SHOULD BE ADDED AT THE END OF THE SENTENCE AFTER THE WORD QTE INTEROPERABILITY UNQTE.

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